



JEFFERSON COUNTY ASSOCIATION  
FOR GIFTED CHILDREN

February 2020

## NEWSLETTER



**You're Invited Feb. 13!**  
JAGC Board Meeting & Community Forum  
at Dutch Creek Elementary in Littleton

*Join us for a  
discussion about  
Jeffco gifted  
programs!*

**JAGC Board Meeting 5-6 PM**  
**Community Forum 6-7 PM**

**Dutch Creek Elementary**  
7304 W. Roxbury Pl., Littleton, CO 80128

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## JAGC NEWS

### ***2020 JAGC Election Nominations Open Feb. 22***

We are starting the election process for next year's JAGC Board of Directors. Terms run for 2 years from July 1 to June 30. Nominations for open positions will be accepted from Feb. 22 through March 7. You must be a CAGT member to vote in the spring JAGC election. [Become a member](#) today and help us advocate for Jeffco advanced learners! When you register, be sure to select Jeffco as your affiliate.

Look for an email from the JAGC Nominating Committee with details on available positions, the nominating procedure and the election process. Information will also be available in our newsletter and on our [website](#).

### **Upcoming JAGC Board Meetings and Community Forums**

You're Invited! Please join JAGC for our upcoming board meetings (5-6 pm) and community forums (6-7 pm) at locations around Jeffco:

- Thursday, Feb. 13, Dutch Creek Elementary, 7304 W. Roxbury Pl., Littleton, CO 80128
- Thursday, March 12, Stevens Elementary School, 7101 38th Ave., Wheat Ridge, CO 80033

### **Nominate Your GT Champion!**

The GT Champion Award is a JAGC award program designed to recognize those in the gifted community who are making an exemplary effort for our GT students. If you would like to nominate a person who has shown outstanding performance, please complete this form.

**Nominations are due March 31.**

Thank you,  
JAGC Board

## JEFFCO GT DEPT UPDATES

### **Jeffco GT Department February Gazette**

### **SPARKS GT Summer Program June 8-19 - Enrollment Open Feb. 14**

The SPARKS Enrichment Program for Jeffco Gifted & Talented learners will be at Wheat Ridge High School from June 8-19. It's a summer experience for district GT students entering 1st through 8th grade. Classes provide an engaging learning environment in a variety of topics for Jeffco gifted students. Due to our current capacity, we will no longer be able to accept incoming kindergartners or non-Jeffco students. See the [GT website](#) for more info.

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## **[GT Parent Learning - Monday, Feb. 24](#)**

Join us for a JAGC/Jeffco GT Dept. discussion. Various GT stakeholders will be on hand to answer questions about gifted education in Jeffco. This is the last Parent Learning opportunity of the year -- don't miss it! Please [submit questions](#) by Feb. 9 to help guide the discussion.

**Monday, Feb. 24**, 6:30-8 pm

Board Room 5th floor, Jeffco Education Center  
1829 Denver West Drive, Golden, CO 80401

## **[Apply Now for Jeffco Early Access for Entrance to Kindergarten or First Grade](#)**

The 2020-2021 Early Access application is now open. Portfolios are due March 19 and the application closes April 1. Early Access applies to children in the 97th percentile or above on standardized tests and functioning levels typically two years or more above peers. Visit the [Jeffco GT website](#) for more information on Early Access.

### **Early Access age requirements:**

- The student must reach the age of four by October 1 for kindergarten.
- The student must reach the age of five by October 1 for grade one.

## **JEFFCO NEWS**

### **[Warren Tech 2020-2021 Application - Priority Application Deadline Feb. 13](#)**

The [Warren Tech application](#) is open. For questions, visit the [website](#) or call 303-982-8600. Warren Tech has two campuses: [Warren Tech North](#) and [Warren Tech Central](#). To explore programs offered by campus, [click here](#). Warren Tech South is projected to open in fall 2021. Program offerings are still being finalized, but you can read more about [Warren Tech South here](#).

### **[Proposed Jeffco Charter for Neurodiverse Grades 6-12 - Intent to enroll due Feb. 29](#)**

Prospect Academy is a proposed 6th-12th grade free public charter school focused on serving students on the autism spectrum, and those with similar learning profiles, providing access to both strong academics and social emotional support. The school is applying to the Jeffco School District. The application process includes demonstrating to the district that this type of school is needed. If you have any interest, fill out the [intent to enroll form](#). Completing the form does not obligate you to attend Prospect Academy but shows an interest and need in our community for a school like this. For more information, email [prospectacademycolorado@gmail.com](mailto:prospectacademycolorado@gmail.com).

### **[Planning for Middle School? Check out Jeffco Virtual Academy's Online Gifted & Talented Classes](#)**

In collaboration with Jeffco Gifted & Talented, Jeffco Virtual Academy offers full-year core courses for 7th and 8th grade that are developed and taught by certified GT teachers. Visit the [JVA website](#) for more information. Course information is [here](#).

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# FOR PARENTS

## [Beyond Giftedness Conference - Feb. 28](#)

This conference focuses on practical tools that can be used with gifted children and features keynote presentations and breakouts given by leaders in the field of gifted education, exhibitors, and the opportunity to connect with others in the field of gifted education. A parent half-day runs simultaneously.

**Friday, Feb. 28**, 8 am-4:15 pm  
Arvada Center for the Arts  
6901 Wadsworth Blvd, Arvada, CO 80003

## [2e Support Group Meets Saturdays](#)

A support group for parents of twice-exceptional (2e) youth meets on alternating Saturdays, facilitated by Bev S. Weiler, LPCC, NCC. Sponsored by the Gifted Development Center, these free sessions will incorporate guest speakers as needed, and will cover topics such as executive functioning, IEP/ALP/504 process, social-emotional strategies, and whatever other topics the group decides on. For more information, email [Bev](#) or call 720-635-1915.

**Saturdays** (check the [GDC website](#) for dates), 10:30 am-noon  
Gifted Development Center  
8120 Sheridan Boulevard C-111, Westminster, CO 80003

## [Child-Centered Gifted Symposium - April 24](#)

Gifted Development Center is hosting an international symposium to help the world rediscover the uniqueness of the gifted child. Attendees include members of The Columbus Group, the International Network of Child-Centered Advocates, the Institute for the Study of Advanced Development Board of Directors, GRO-Gifted Research & Outreach, Qualitative Assessment Master Practitioners, The World Game trainers, schools for the gifted and child-centered supporters from all over the globe.

**Friday, April 24**, 8:30 am-4:30 pm  
Noah's Event Venue  
11885 North Bradburn Blvd., Westminster, CO 80031

## [Gifted Adult Summit - April 25](#)

Are you passionate about adults and giftedness? This full day Gifted Adult Summit is an opportunity to get to know others who share this passion. The day includes presentations and discussion. The intention is to get to know each other, get to know about each other, and create a plan of action to make a real difference in the lives of gifted adults globally.

**Saturday, April 25**, 9:30 am-3:30 pm  
Westgate Community School  
12500 Washington Street, Thornton, CO 80241

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## [TECA Online Parent Seminars](#)

The Twice Exceptional Children's Advocacy (TECA) is hosting online parent seminars. This group is open to parents and guardians of all twice exceptional children and teens. See the [schedule online](#) for topics and dates.

## [Parent Engagement Network's Parent Education Series](#)

Check out the Parent Engagement Network's [events page](#) for information on their Parent Education Series in the Boulder area. Topics include Executive Functioning, Developing Resiliency, Mindset Skills for Success, Meaningful Conversations and more. PEN also has a [podcast](#) with parenting topics.

## *Gifted Newsletters and Blogs*

[Byrdseed Blog](#)

[Davidson Institute Newsletter](#)

[Denver Gifted Development Center Blog](#)

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[Gifted Guru](#)

[NAGC Gifted Blog](#)

[SENG Newsletter](#)

[TECA Blog](#)

[TiLT Parenting List of Schools for Differently Wired Students](#)

# FOR STUDENTS

## [Jeffco Writing Challenge - Deadline Feb. 21](#)

Jeffco students, start planning now for the 2020 Jeffco Writing Challenge! [Click here](#) for the prompt. First place winners in each grade win \$100; 2nd & 3rd place win Tattered Cover Gift Cards.

## [Wings Over the Rockies Aviation Ground School Begins Feb. 22](#)

Are you a student in grades 8-12 who has a passion for flight? Sign up for Aviation Ground School, a five-part workshop created to offer high schoolers the basics of pilot training and to inspire a love of flight.

- Learn how to become a pilot
- Plan your own flight mission
- Fly your planned mission on flight simulators
- Fly an actual aircraft after attending the course

**Saturdays, Feb. 22-March 21**, 10 am-12 pm  
Wings Over the Rockies Air & Space Museum  
7711 East Academy Boulevard, Denver, CO 80230

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### **[School of Mines Girls Lead the Way Conference - Register by Feb. 10](#)**

This conference hosted by the Society of Women Engineers (SWE) allows high school girls to interact with current Mines students and faculty in three hour-long engineering and or applied math and science activities designed to engage students with Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) majors. This event also includes a majors panel where girls will hear from department representatives about each major, a parents/guardians' information session hosted by Mines Undergraduate Admissions and the Mines Financial Aid Office (optional), and a campus tour (optional).

**Saturday, Feb. 29, 9 am-3:30 pm**  
Colorado School of Mines Green Center  
924 16th St. Golden, CO 80401

### **[Lockheed Martin Student Scholarship - Deadline March 12](#)**

Lockheed Martin has a scholarship program to provide opportunities to students. The company awards 200 scholarships of \$10,000 per student, renewable each year. Mentoring opportunities are a key component of the program, and recipients will also be eligible for Lockheed Martin internship opportunities following their freshman year in college.

### **[Davidson 2020 THINK Summer Institute - Deadline March 27](#)**

Among the most academically rigorous summer programs is the Davidson THINK Summer Institute, which runs July 11-Aug. 1. Students can earn up to six college credits at this three-week residential summer program on the campus of the University of Nevada, Reno. To qualify, students must be 13 to 16 years old during the program and submit an SAT or ACT score. Tuition is \$4,000 and covers course credits, books and materials, room and board, and the cost of planned activities. Need-based scholarships are available.

### **[Apply to the Davidson Academy Online Campus - Deadline March 31](#)**

The 2020-2021 application for the Davidson Academy online campus is now available. Open to students who live anywhere in the United States and Canada, this accredited online option builds off the one-of-a-kind, exceptional framework put in place by the Davidson Academy's Reno campus. The result is a robust online community where students thrive. Learn about the benefits of online learning for gifted students and how the Davidson Academy Online is working to meet their needs.

Visit the [Qualification Criteria](#) and [How to Apply](#) pages to read about the application process. The application deadline is March 31. Virtual open houses will be held on several dates. Register for an open house [here](#).

- Thursday, Feb. 6, 4 pm PT
- Monday, March 9, 5 pm PT

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### **[Museum of Outdoor Arts Summer Internships - Deadline April 3](#)**

MOA is seeking summer interns for indoor and outdoor projects. The program is June 8-Aug. 3 and includes a \$2,000 stipend. Projects include the production of artistic crosswalks, vinyl wraps for traffic signal utility boxes as well as creating a temporary mural based exhibition at the MOA indoor gallery. Applicants with painting, drawing, mural work, illustration, digital projection mapping and/or animation experience are strongly encouraged to apply. School credit may also be available per your school's requirements. Visit the [website](#) for the application.

### **[HOYA Foundation Career Week for Girls - Deadline May 3](#)**

Career Week for Girls began to encourage more young women to pursue careers in transportation and construction because only 9% of the construction workforce is women. Summer programs are offered in June and July. Over one week, girls ranging from 13 to 20 years old make five stops to engage with women, ask questions and tour work sites. Each company puts together a day long insight into their company and into the industry.

### **[Denver Writes Seeks Youth Contributors](#)**

Denver Writes' literary magazine, Backspace, is looking for fresh, innovative and creative writing that challenges the status quo and shows insightful understanding of the world. The magazine showcases Denver's best young writers aged 10-18 and provide a space for young writers to be published in print.

Backspace is also looking for teens ages 12-18 interested in helping compile, edit, organize and design the literary magazine. If you are interested, email [backspace@denverwrites.org](mailto:backspace@denverwrites.org) with the subject line of "Get Involved." See the [website](#) for details.

## ***Scholarships***

### **[Davidson Institute Fellows Scholarships - Deadline Feb. 12](#)**

The Davidson Institute for Talent Development offers high-achieving young people across the country the opportunity to be named a 2020 Davidson Fellow, an honor accompanied by a \$50,000, \$25,000 or \$10,000 scholarship in recognition of a significant piece of work in Science, Technology, Engineering, Mathematics, Music, Literature, Philosophy or Outside the Box. Applicants must submit an original piece of work that is recognized as significant by experts in the field and that has the potential to make a positive contribution to society. The scholarship may be used at any accredited college or university. The deadline to apply is Feb. 12. [Find more information and apply here.](#)

### **[Outdoor Lab Leader Scholarship - Deadline Feb. 20](#)**

The Outdoor Lab Foundation awards scholarships to college-bound high school seniors who have been a high school leader at the Jefferson County Outdoor Lab schools at least twice. Applicants must have successfully completed a week at Mount Evans or Windy Peak Outdoor Lab. Eligible applicants must apply for admission to any private or public vocational training program, college or university. Two scholarships for \$2,000 will be awarded to two different students. Each scholarship is \$2,000.

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### [Volunteers for Outdoor Colorado Scholarship - Deadline March 16](#)

The \$5,000 Grossman Scholarship Program for Volunteers for Outdoor Colorado offers scholarships to high school students who have demonstrated a commitment to caring for the outdoors and intend to pursue a degree in a field related to natural resources or outdoor recreation at an accredited 2- or 4-year college in Colorado.

### [RBC Wealth Management Colorado Scholarship - Deadline March 20](#)

This Denver Foundation scholarship is a highly selective scholarship opportunity for exceptional Colorado students planning to pursue a college degree in science, mathematics, or engineering. Students will be selected based on academic excellence, leadership ability, community engagement, and a strong aptitude for science, math, or engineering. Five \$3,000 scholarships are awarded.

### [JCEA Scholarships - Deadline April 3](#)

The Jefferson County Education Association (JCEA) awards several scholarships to seniors who attend Jeffco Public Schools this year.

- **The JCEA Excellence Fund Scholarship**

This annually awarded scholarship goes to a Jefferson County high school senior entering college the following year to pursue a degree in education. Each scholarship granted is for \$1,000 per year and can be renewed for up to four years (\$4,000 total).

- **Sue Anne Berger Physical Science Scholarship**

Sue Anne Berger was a Jeffco secondary education educator, chemist and mathematics teacher. With her passing, she established an annual scholarship to be awarded to two graduating seniors from the Jeffco Public Schools, who intend to study the physical sciences or related fields. Each scholarship granted starts with \$1000 and is increased by \$1,000 each year, up to four years (\$10,000 total).

- **The JCEA Shermita West Student of Color Scholarship**

The Shermita West Student of Color Scholarship is an annual award given to a Jeffco high school student of color that is pursuing a career in education. Each scholarship granted is for \$1,000 per year and may be renewed for up to four years (\$4,000 total).

### [Davidson Young Scholars Program – Applications Due First of Each Month](#)

The Davidson Young Scholars program provides free services designed to nurture and support profoundly gifted young people and their families, including talent development, educational advocacy, an online community and the Ambassadors program. Young Scholars can also access annual get-togethers, a summer camp for 8- to 12-year-olds and challenging online middle school courses. Applications are due the first of each month.

### [NAVIANCE scholarships](#)

### [Denver Foundation Scholarships](#)

### [25 Great Scholarships for Gifted Students](#)

### [Reviews.com Scholarship Search Platform](#)



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## ***Student Opportunities***

Find a list of GT [Student Opportunities](#) from the Jeffco GT Department.  
[Front Range Community College Pathways Career Exploration Days](#)  
[Area College & Job Fairs](#)  
[College Application Deadlines](#)

## **EVENTS CALENDAR**

Please check out the frequently updated [JAGC Calendar](#) for detailed information on numerous weekly and special events for gifted students, parents, and families!

## **JOIN JAGC!**

### **[Become a JAGC Member to Vote in Spring Election](#)**

Membership in JAGC and CAGT runs concurrent to the school year, valid from September until August of the following year. You must be a member to vote in the spring JAGC election. When you register, be sure to select Jeffco as your affiliate. [Join](#) today and help us advocate for advanced learners!

### **[Support JAGC With Amazon Smile](#)**

Shop on Amazon through Amazon Smile and a portion of your purchase price will be donated to JAGC. When you shop at Amazon, first go to <https://smile.amazon.com/> and select "Jefferson County Association for Gifted Children" before making your purchase.

### **[Check Out JAGC on Facebook](#)**

Did you know that [JAGC](#) is on Facebook? Follow us to stay up-to-date with gifted and Jeffco Schools information.

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